LAYMAN PLEADS HIS OWN CAUSE

V. A. Wilder Makes an Impassioned Appeal to the Federal Appellate Court.

MOVE TO DISBAR COUNSEL

Sensational Procedure in Criminal Case Growing Out of Gigantic Land Suit.

The unusual speciacle of a layman, de-fendant in a criminal prosecution, arguown case before the United States Court of Appeals was witnessed man who presented his own cause on an Southern District of West Virginia was is of oratory. He had been convicted der an indictment charging him with napiracy to commit an offense against a United States; with attempling to pede and obstruct the administration justice; with making corrupt statements in writing, etc., and had en fined two thousand dollars. A writt error had been awarded, and the cause me before the appellate court for re-

Impassioned Appeal.

Wilder was represented by Maynard F.
Bilies, an ex-judge, to disbar whom an
effort had been instituted by Attorney
Malcolm Jackson, of counsel for the government, in the prosecution of the case
in the court below, and for the defondant
in serior in the appellate court. Both

taken all he had in the world. In closing he asked the judges not to send him "back to that man." meaning the judge of the Southern District Court of West Virginia. An Offending Brief.

Stiles, plaintiff in error's counsel, brief charged that his client is a

SECOND DINNER DANCE. Social Affair at Westmoreland Was Great Success.

The Westmoreland Club on last evening gave the second of its very popular dinner dances. Like the first, the occasion was in every way a great social success. Dinner was served in the great state dining room to about one hundred guests, after which a dance was held in the paim room adjoining.

Amoust those present were Colonel

after which a dance was held in the palm room adjoining.

Amongst those present were Colonel and Mrs. Alexander Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Valentine, Colonel and Mrs. John B., Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Admiral and Mrs. Wobster, Mr. and Mrs. Hrederick William Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Mallory, Captain and Mrs. John A. Coke, Mr. and Mrs. Captain Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Battle, Miss Gordon, Miss Hamilton, Miss Whitlock, Miss Meredith, Mrs. Cabell, Miss Scott, Miss Mredith, Mrs. Cabell, Miss Scott, Miss Urquhart, Miss Modure, Miss Margaret McGuire, Miss Mobel Walker, Miss Talbott, Miss Grey, Miss Waddill, Miss Davenport, Miss Younger, Mrs. C. C. Pinckney, Miss Purcell, Miss Leary, Miss Massey, Miss Nolting, Miss Beirne, Miss Boykin, Messre, Hume, Alien Potts, Walker Lancaster, Hobson, Smallman, S. P. Patteson, Habliston, Antrim, C. W. Branch, Reld, Palmer, Cocke, George Cole Scott, Nolting, Fred, Nolting, Foushe, Forbes, Lynch, Montague, Brander, McAdsms, Boykin, Hotchkiss, Gordon, Anderson, Higginbotham and Alfriend.

Colonel Miles in Extremis.

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Colonici George W. Miles, who is at the Memorial Hospital, is said to be sinking rapidly, and it was not thought at the hospital early this morning that he Auld live more than a few hours at most.

He has been suffering for some time with a severe liver affection, and every resource of medical and surgical science has been exhausted in the effort to save him.



ADMIRABLE TALK BY REV. DR. MITCHELL

Speaking to High School Pupils, Says Life Is What Men Make It.

rel, happy in light and air, provident for the future. Ilving a life of enjoyment; or highest, that of the eagle, living the life of the spirit, content with nothing lower than the heavens.

The speaker declared that in the means employed in education the personality of the tencher was all. Three-fourths of teaching power was encouragement; criticism, perhaps one-fourth. He had learned more of teaching from the mother with her little children than from all the books on pedagogy he had ever read. Love, sympathy is the method of the successful tacher. That teacher, who, brooding over his pupils, warms their hearts with love, best succeeds in promoting growth in character, which is education.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 24.—Officers for the crossing year were eleded this

Mrs. Lowry's Condition.

Mrs. Lowry's Condition,
Mrs. Lowry, wife of Stige Manager Ben
Lowry, of the Blou Theatre, who fell
from a street car Thursday evening and
injured for antie, was reported as not
resting so well last night.
Mrs. lowry was about to get off an
Oakwood car at Twonty-hinh and Q
Streets, visiting her sister, when, she
says, the car moved of before she reached
thu ground. Sile was taken to her home,
No. 703 East Chry Street.

Lee Camp Detail.

The following detail from R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, C. V. has been named to attend the funeral of Comrade George W. Kent. They will meet in the camp hall on Sunday, February 28th, at 12th P. K. Lieutenant Commander T. Catesby Jones Comrades F. A. Bowry, F. B. Eillott, James H. Eubank, O. A. Francis, W. E. Moore, J. J. H. Brower and A. N. Gill.

Judge Hundley Here. Judge George J. Hundley and wife, of Farmville, are in the city, and are reg-istered at Murphy's.

DISCOVER REMAINS OF JOHN PAUL JONES

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Only Routine Matters.

The Committee on St. John's Burying Ground held a meeting last night, and disposed of the meeting last night.

TRUST INFLUENCE OVER GOVERNMEN

Missouri Member Says Secretary Discriminated Against Independents.

WANTS AN INVESTIGATION

Calls on Attorney-General Take Action Against Armor-Plate Combination.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Representa-ive Vandimir, of Missouri, introduced

the following resolution in the House to-"Resolved, That the Attorney Genera inform the House at his earliest conven-

ence whether or not any proceedings

nal against the armor plate trust, and if not, why not, and further, "Resolved, That the Attorney General also inform the House what steps have

also inform the House what steps have been taken by him to determine whether or not the said armor plate trust should be prosecuted for violation of the United States anti-trust law of July 2, 1890, or other United States statutes against trusts and combines in restraint of trade."

The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A preamble to the resolution alieges an agreement between the Carnegle and Bethlehem Companies as to prices and that they have divided the contracts of the government between themselves, each bidding lowr than the other for one-half of the armor required at any time by the government.

In spite of evidence of conspiracy in restraint of trade, the preamble said the Secretary of the Navy awarded contracts to these two companies at \$453 per ton, when an independent company outside of the trust had offered to furnish exactly the same armor for \$338 per ton 'indicating the powerful influence which the aforesaid armor plate trust has acquired over the government and officials of the United States."

DEADLY GERMS IN

IRVING MAY NEVER APPEAR ON STAGE AGAIN

(By Associated Press.)
WOLVER HAMPTON, Feb. 24.—Sir
Henry Irving's condition to-night is
practically unchanged from the morning.
The patient, himself, is brave and hopeful. The attending physician told the
Associated Press that Sir Henry is completely run down and that it is impossible
to make any safe prediction concerning
the prospects of his reappearance on the
stage.

DUNNE CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO

Elected Vice-Fresident.

(By Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 24.—Officers for the craumg year were elected this afternoon by the Scuthern branch of the National Dental Association as follows: President, Dr. W. G. Mason, Tampa, Fia.; First Vice-President, Dr. N. N. Vann, Attala, Ala.; Second Vice-President, Dr. R. Cowardin, Richmond, Va.; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. A. Gorman, Asheville, N. C.; Recording Secretary, Dr. John, R. Beach, Clarksville, Tenn.; Treasurer, Dr. B. D. Bradson, Clarksville, Tenn.; Aresolution requesting the national association to hold its meeting next year in Birmingham, Ala., was unanimously adopted.

HOCH CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TOPEKA. KAN., Feb. 24.—Governor
Hoch will be the candidate of the Sunflower State for the Ropublican nomination for President in 1908. His friends are
planning to obtain Kansus and are reaching out for Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado
and Texas. The Governor is deluged with
letters and telegrams of congratulations
from Republican leaders in the West.

V. M. I. CADETS DID NOT LIKE PLACE IN PARADE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Virginia Military Institute cadets have withdrawn from the inaugural parada because dis-vatisfied with their place in line.

Hanover Hints.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HANGVER C. H., VA., Feb. 24.—Miss
Prosser, that teaches school nearby, has
not missed a day during this unleard-of
weather, save a few days a month ago
upon the death of her mother. She can
have the prise for pluck vs. ice.
Judge R. H. Cardwell, who has been
contined to his home on account of sick,
ness, is improving, and will soon accoun-

Useful all the Year Round.

LARRABEE'S RHEUMATIC

century Larrabee's Rheumatic Liniment has been known and successfully used. Its wonderful curative power in Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Toothache, Backsche, Catarrh, etc., is shown by the thousands of testimonials received. It's a sure and positive cure for all pains and aches. A bottle or two of this old household remedy should always be in the home ready for instant use.

Price 25c a Bottle. For sale by all druggists, or will be sent by mail on receipt, of price.

THE CARROLLTON CHEMICAL CO.,

CHAMBER OPPOSES THE CLAYTON BILL

Business Men Adopt Vigorous Resolutions Against Repeal of Bankrupt Law.

Following is a copy of the preamble and resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, held February 23d, in opposition to the Clayton bill, now

E. G. LEIGH, JR.

Attest: R. A. Dunlop, Secretary,

PRICES OF SCRAPS. Justice John Charges According

to Nature of the Fight.

Wise Guy on the bench in the Police, Court yesterday morning.
Whereupon he called out the name of R. C. Bachelor.
He was charged with figuratively wiping up the earth with a man who could do nothing with him.
"That will cost you \$5 and trimmings." said the judge.
But Boy, Fleming fared better, and was turned loose upon the payment of \$2.50.
The only other case worth mentioning was that of Moses Ware, who was charged with taking a lot of scrap brass belonging to John O'Hagan. The charge was sustained and the negro was sent to jail for fifteen days.

fifteen days.
Several drunks lined up and were allow several artins lines up the west allowed to pass along.

The civil docket was of unusual length and full of little tales of woe and distress, from landlord, groceryman, tenant and others that gather before the court of the high constable every Friday.

Mother Goose Party. A Mother Goose entertainment for the benefit of the organ fund of the Church of the Holy Comforter took place at Belvidere Hall last night, and was a complete success.

Little children impersonated the characters, and the affair was greatly enjoyed, It will be repeated in the near future.

MRS. GARNETT'S FALL.

Recovers, Though Very Old, Celebrates Eightieth Birthday,

Celebrates Eighteth Birthday,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

KING GEORGE, VA., Feb. 25.—Mrs.

Emma L. Garnett, wildow of the late
General Thomas Stuart Garnett, of Confederate fame, is slowly recovering from
the affects of a fail, by which one of her
hip joints was dislocated. At one time
Mrs. Garnett was extremely ill, and her
heart action was bad, and boing in her
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doubtful, but she is gaining strength and
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Mr. John 25. Wilson, the owner of Wakefield, the birthplace of George Washington, celebrated his eighticht rounded by his cilildren and grandchilly dren and many intimute friends. Mr. Wilson is a remarkably well-preserved has a carcely missed a day from sleight riding. In his double-horse sleigh he enjoyed visiting his friend, and giving many of them a pleasant outling.

TOCUREA COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Brome Quintine Tableis. All druggists refund the money if it falls is over. B. W. Grove's signature is on the continued the profice of the continued the profice of the continued the minister, '95 long will there be investigated the money if it falls is over. B. W. Grove's signature is on a continued the profice of the continued the profice of the continued the minister, '95 long will there be investigated the money if it falls is over the continued the short of the money if it falls is over the continued the strength of the money if it falls is over the continued the strength of the money is it falls in the continued the strength of the money is it falls in the continued the strength of the money is an entirely and the money is it falls in the continued the strength of the money is an entirely and the money is an entire

Declares It to be All Nonsense That He Carinot Make 130 Pounds in Time.

WILL TIP BEAM AT ABOUT 128

Has Much at Stake and Intends to "Beat Corbett to a

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—"it Corbett beats me, people will say that I was just lucky, that I never could fight, and that I caught Hanlon and Herrerra and Corbett and hill the others when they weren't right, and that it was accidental that I won. That's the way they would like core I was down, particularly

HEMPHILL RESIGNS; ALDEN TAKES PLACE

Lacy Succeeds MacDowell, Who Is Made Vice-President of N. & W.

with offices in Philaderphia and Sospin of Lacy was promoted to the position of treasurer, to succeed Mr. MacDowell, with headquarters in Roanoke, Va.

"GRAFT" AT YALE.

Undergraduate Paper Makes Charge and Urges Change.

paper, in an editorial on university ath-

"Money is spent too lavisin, and with too little thought of economy," says the News. "A dollar is not made to give its full value. Rational expenditures connected with the work must be distinguished from unnecessary disbursements and benefices that would in politics be known, as 'graft'.

known as 'graft.'
"It is needless to mention specific in stances where expenses are incurred for nothing received. The point is that such cases do exist, and must be eliminated

Fire in Arkansas. (By Associated Press.) HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Feb. 24.—Fit day in the business district caused it estimated at \$70,000. The principal fors are Simon Mendel, dry goods, \$2\$ and the Indiana Club, \$20,000. The lare partially covered by insurance.

' - Victory for Petit. MENICO CITY, Feb. 24.—Frederick Pet-it, of Milwaukee, Wis., won the amateur golf championship of Mexico yesterday by defeating Dewitt Hammond, the local champion, 2 up and 1 to play. The tour-nament was held on the San Pedro links and attracted many spectators.

SUMMER HOMES.

New York Capitalists Buy Land at the Hot Springs.

at the Hot Springs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARM SPRINGS, VA., Pob. 25.—Mr. H.

McClintic executor of C. R. McDonnaid,
deceased, has sold to Mr. C. H. P. Beimont of New York city, all that part of
the AcDonnaid farm between Warm,
and Hot Springs, lying east of the Boulevard, consisting of about 180 acres, for
115,000 cast Mr. Belmont has also purolins farm on the same side of the Boulevard and dolning the McDonnaid tract.

It is his intention to build and make
this has memer home.

Mr. John W., Stephenson, attorney at
this place, his fust closed the sale of
Robert J. Hursison's "Wiley Lot," at Hot
Sorlings, for 12,000. The purchasor is Mr.
Thomas Tork of the Contains two
and a third acres adjoining Mr. Decatur
Axtol's becutiful property. Mr. McIntyro
will make axtonsive improvements at
once on this lot. This is the largest sale
ever made in Bath county.

"KILL HIM ON SPOT," SHOUTED AUDITORS

NELSON SAYS HE WILL BE AT BEST 53 For the Farm 5

Manure in a Peach Orchard.

The use of stable manure in a peach orchard is a much debated question. We are convinced, after many years of uservation, that it should never be used on young orchards, except on very poor, light land, and then should always be applied in winter or very early in the spring. On bearing orchards stable manure has much effect, stimulating the twig and leaf growth more or less at the expense of the fruit.

If the soil is already moderately fertile, it may distinctly overstimulate the vegetative tendencies of the tree. It has the same effect as other nitrogenous ferillizers in belating the fruit, with a tendency to prevent the high coloring of the product. Trees are frequently and the same of the same frequently are trees. Manure in a Peach Orchard.

last of May.

of loose, dry mulch will be appreciated This method of keeping moisture in the ground is slowly becoming understood. The Department of Agriculture gives the following lucid explanation of its advan-

nges; "As the moisture from the

Start the Pigs Now.

UNKNOWN STEAMER ASHORE NEAR NORFOLK

Picked His Seed Corn. Although the snow is yet deep in man

Birds Are Money Savers.

Wrecking Tug Rescue Goes to Assistance of Vessel in Distress.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 25.—At an early
hour this morning no further particulars
as to the identity of the unknown steams
ashore north of Little Island were received. The wrecking tug Rescue left
Norfolk at 1 A. M. for the scene.

FRANKLIN'S POSTMASTER

The Referees Not Unanimous for Dr. Debordenave. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 24.—It is under-

stood that the appointment of Dr. E. A. Debordenave as postmaster of Franklin

Debordenave as postmaster of Franklin was made without regard to the wishes of Messrs. Martin, Walcott and Parker, who are Federal referees for the Second Virginia District.

Asked about the matter to-night, Dr. Debordenave said he had reason to believe that one of the referees was favorable to himself. He said he was supported by some members of each party faction, including Bowden and Slemp.

A teelgram was received in Franklin shortly before the appointment was announced, declaring that the referees were unanimously for James I. Bedl.

Debordenave says up to the time of the appointment the referees had not made a joint report to Washington.

Fredericksburg Affairs.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 24.—
Rev. B. H. Whiston, of Washington, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Christian Church of this city, and will enter upon his duties next Sunday.

General D. D. Wheeler, of this city, U. S. A., retired, has accepted an appointment to command a brigade in the civid division of the inausuration parade in Washington on Maich 4th.

A large number of oyster boats are frozen up in Machodoc Creek, in lower King George, and it is expected they will be badly damaged when the ice begins to move.

Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway, the venerable Baptist minister of this city, who has been ill, is now somewhat improved.

A movement is on foot to hold Monday in March in Caroline county at Howing Green to honor the memory of the late or, John D. Butter, of that county, who recently died.

The intermediate celebration of the literary societies of Fredericksburg College took place in the college hall last night before an interesting audence. The programme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogramme consisted of music, in which Misses Louise Somerville and Rate Dogra

not stop until he landed in a mill pond. The lee bore him up, however, but he cannot stand on his feet.

The oldest inhabitants say this is the worst lee they ever saw. It is now that ing and breaking up in the water courses, which cannot be forded, as they are blocked with lee, and business is at a standard.

Fore-Moon.

the home of the tractor, D. Campbell Mayers, officiating.

The contracting parties were Miss Lizie Moon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Limboon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Limboon, and Mr. Thomas Fore, a prosperous farmer of Clover.

The bride was becomingly attired in a rich creation of bins silk. The parior was artiscally decorated with evergreens, Only a few of the nearest relatives were present.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridationary, amid showers of congratulations, boarded the north-board train for Clover, their future home, where a sumptuous dinner swatchem. The presents were numerous and quite handsome.

Will Leave the Virginia. The Virginia Hospital is to lose both Miss Randolph and Miss Montgomery, superintendent and assistant superintendent, respectively. Miss Randolph leaves on May 1st, and Miss Montgomery leaves on April 1st.

Bold Boy Burglar.

(Special to 'The Times Dispatch.)

OXFORD, N. C., Feb. 24.—Norman Royster, a negro boy, entered the room of Mrs. A. B. Currin a few nights ago, looking for money. He picked up her apron to get the key to her trunk, when the keys dropped on the floor. She woke up and sereamed and the boy jumped from the window. He was arrested to-day, and Mrs. Currin's ring was found in his pocket. He is in Jail.

Liverpool Cotton Statistics.

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(By Associated Press)

Liverpool. Feb. 24.—Following are
the weekly cotton statistics: Total sales,
all kinds, 72,000 bales; total sales, American, 68,000: English spinners takings, 94,
000: total exports, 25,000: imports, all
kinds, 78,000: imports, American, 65,000:
stock, all kinds, 902,000: stock, American,
816,000: quantity alloat, all kinds, 159,000quantity afloat, American, 120,000: total
sales on speculation, 2,500; total sales to
exports, 500.

Meeting Postponed.

The Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform did not meet last night to consider the question of annexation, ac-cording to the notice theretofore given The meeting will be held on Monday

Personals and Briefs.

Knight, declaimation by Harvey Viser, cassay by Miss Isabela Williams oration by Robert Viser, rectation by Miss Bessel Walker and declamation by Hi is lew Walker and declamation by Hi is Marchant.

Accidents on the Ice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLADESHORD, VA., Feb. 24. There